



Weekly Communication to Parents/Carers | Friday 18 November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Here are the latest school messages and updates for your information.

MESSAGES		
Ms Wild and Ms Wylde	Years 7 - 9	We work together in a range of ways to support all students to read. We're delighted to share with you our first vlog introducing this to you.
Mrs Crocker	All years	<p>Anti bullying week 14-18 November REACH OUT</p> <p>This week in school all students have been looking at the impact of bullying in tutor time and assembly. We have been using the theme of this year's anti-bullying week to remind students of the importance of telling someone in school if they are worried about themselves or a friend and signposting sources of support for anyone affected by bullying. One way that anyone is able to share a concern is by filling in our Tell Someone form that is available on our school website. This can be completed anonymously if needed. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.</p> <p>Additionally, students have reflected on the role of bystanders in bullying and tutors have encouraged them to find a safe way to be an upstander - someone who stands up for others, calls out bullying behaviour and reports it. We have used resources from the Diana Award anti bullying charity to guide our learning.</p>
Miss Cave	Whole School	<p>Free School Meals - if you think you are entitled to claim a free school meal benefit because of your income or circumstances it's essential you apply. For each eligible child, the school receives funding for the next six years, even if their parents go back to full-time paid work. You can apply to North Somerset here. If you have any queries or would like the school to support you with your application please contact reception.</p>
Miss Cave	Whole School	<p>Free School Meals - if your child is entitled to a free school meal they can receive breakfast in the canteen before 8.30. They will be able to choose from the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 pieces of toast with jam ● fresh fruit with a juice drink ● porridge with honey/syrup with a juice drink ● cereal with milk ● 1 crumpet with jam.
Mr Francis Black	Year 11	<p>Students have conducted themselves exceptionally well throughout the first week of mock exams and I would like to pass on the thanks of the invigilation team who have been very impressed with the courteous and polite responses with which they have been greeted. With one more week of mock exams to go, we would appreciate the support of all parents in ensuring that students arrive promptly and fully equipped for all exams. A checklist of the required equipment can be seen here:</p> <p>📎 Exam Equipment Checklist.pdf</p>
Mr Davies	Year 11	<p>A huge thank you to all students, parents and carers who attended our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday and created such an enthusiastic atmosphere. We look forward to the next step in the process, where we gather your applications and arrange Course Consultation meetings. Please find the application form here.</p>

Mrs Jenkins	Food and nutrition students	<p>The practicals for this week are: Wednesday 23rd November - 10A Cheese and Sage scones Friday 25th November - 9l and 9r Sushi</p> <p>Please ensure ingredients are weighed.</p>
Mrs Collins and Miss Adams	Whole school	<p>Grease is the word! Tickets are available on ParentPay to come along and watch our annual school musical at the end of this term. The dates are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday 14 December 7pm SOLD OUT • Thursday 15 December 7pm SOLD OUT • Friday 16 December 2pm <p>Tickets are £10 for adults and £7 for concessions</p> <p>RAFFLE PRIZES If you are able to donate any prizes towards our show raffle we would be very thankful! Anything from chocolate, wine, flowers, cake, beauty products.</p>
Mrs Weatherson	Sixth Form	<p>We are incredibly proud of Tyrese Hartley (Y12) for achieving, for the third time in a row, the title of World Champion in Taekwondo. Congratulations Tyrese! Tyrese will be delivering his own classes to sixth form students.</p>
Mrs Collins Miss Adams	School show	<p>Costume - If your child is involved in Grease we require them to bring their costume in by Thursday 24 Nov. It needs to be in a plastic carrier bag with the full name and tutor group written on. Thank you</p>
Mrs Weatherson	GCSE/ A level trip	<p>Really excited about the upcoming Warner Brother Studio Tour trip on the 12th December. Students attending will be invited to a google classroom this week for additional information.</p>
Pastoral Team	Whole school	<p>As part of our ever growing pastoral support for our pupils we are now running a bereavement support group on a Thursday morning, this is totally optional and something that we hope will be beneficial to any students who have experienced loss of any kind and who would benefit from a safe place to talk, share or just listen.</p>
Ms Tallis	Whole school	<p>Christmas card competition deadline is on Fri 25 Nov. Please encourage your child to enter and hand their design to their art teacher. Any media/techniques. Prizes are points for your child's house and a bundle of printed cards - of your child's design!</p>
Ms Tallis	Art A level trip	<p>On Thurs 1 December we will now visit Tate Britain, alongside Tate Modern, rather than the National Portrait Gallery that has extended its refurbishment period until next year.</p>
School	Y8	<p>Virtual Progress Evening on 30 November, letter has been sent via ParentPay and is on our school website. Please find a copy here for information.</p>
School	All years	<p>Consultation on admission Arrangements 2024/25 - Please see attached letter for your reference</p>
Ms Keir	All years	<p>Careers bulletin 19/11/22</p>
Mr Hake	Year 9	<p>Year 9 will complete their end of KS3 test in Science on Friday 13th January - further details are available in this letter which has been sent out to all parents/carers via email. All students will have the details posted on their google classrooms.</p>

<p>Mr Hake</p>	<p>Year 7</p>	<p>Year 7 will complete their December assessments in the week commencing 5th December. These will cover the topics that they have covered so far in Science: B1 Cells, C1 Particles & P4 Space. Students will be set revision homework to help them prepare for these assessments.</p> <p>Physics test: Monday 5th December - 7T1, 7Y, 7S1 & 7S2 Tuesday 6th December - 7P Wednesday 7th December - 7T2</p> <p>Biology and Chemistry test: Wednesday 7th December - 7S1 Friday 9th December - 7T1, 7T2, 7Y, 7P & 7S2</p>
<p>Mr Hake</p>	<p>KS3 Science</p>	<p>As a Science department we have signed up to the Salters' Institute online Chemistry club aimed at 11-14 year olds. This includes lots of interactive activities and videos which are updated throughout the week on a different topic each week. It is a great opportunity for students to learn more about Chemistry in real life examples and to learn more about the jobs that are available within Chemistry. Students can use the following link to register: https://salterschemistryclub.co.uk/register . Students will need to register with their School email account and make sure that it has selected St Katherine's School in the school selection.</p>
<p>Miss Ball</p>	<p>PE</p>	<p>Girls curriculum</p> <p>Year 7 girls are starting hockey so will need shinpads for lessons, also gum shields are advisable</p> <p>Year 8 girls groups will also be covering hockey between now and Xmas, so need shinpads and gum shields are advisable</p> <p>Year 9 girls are continuing with rugby so boots required for all lessons unless told otherwise</p>
<p>Mr Simmons and the Design and Technology Team</p>	<p>Whole school</p>	<p>Personalised water bottle</p> <p>Would you like a water bottle that is personalised with an image you like and a name on it so you always know which is yours if so click on the links below and follow the instructions. Maybe a Christmas present for someone.</p> <div data-bbox="523 1518 1506 2040" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;">  <p style="text-align: center;">600ml bottle with screw lid and sports cap.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Including personalisation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£7.99</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">500ml tapered bottle with screw cap.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Including personalisation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">£10.99</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">600ml bottle with screw lid and sports cap.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">500ml tapered bottle with screw cap.</p>

Miss Adams	Year 7	The year 7 Winter Songs project performance takes place on Wednesday 7th December at 2.15pm . This is a project which the whole of year 7 have been working on during their music lessons; students have composed their own lyrical and musical ideas and these have been used to create some new and original Winter songs which year 7 are really looking forward to performing! Year 7 parents are invited into school to watch. A letter will be sent home next week with all the details.
Miss Adams	Singing lessons	Our new singing teacher has now started. She is in school every Wednesday morning. Please check the instrumental lessons google classroom or the timetables displayed in the music department for your lesson time. Any questions do please contact me: adamsa@skdrive.org
Miss Adams	Brass trailblazers lessons	Unfortunately we are still awaiting a start date for our new brass trailblazers teacher. As soon as this has been confirmed I will let students and parents know via our trailblazers google classroom and messages to tutors. Any questions do please contact me: adamsa@skdrive.org

LETTERS - [click here](#) to see all letters

UPCOMING EVENTS - [click here](#) to see all upcoming events

21-24 Nov	Y13 Geography field trip, Devon
23 Nov	1500-1600 Parent/Carer Association, H1 (in The Leaf)
30 Nov	Y8 Virtual Progress evening
30 Nov	GCSE and A Level Art and Textiles trip
12 Dec	Harry Potter Photography trip
15 Dec	Festive Lunch
14-16 Dec	Grease - school show
16 Dec	End of term 2 - coaches leave at 1230